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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-25 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-9:

The closest prior art is the combination of Hanke (US Pat. No. 5,112,884) and Dietz (US Pat. No. 3,975,203). The coating taught by Hanke and Dietz is used as a dental filling. They fail to teach or suggest a coated *metal* substrate.

Independent claim 10 and dependent claim 11:

Claims 10 and 11 are allowed for the reasons set forth in section 10 of the previous Office action.

Independent claim 12 and dependent claims 13-20:

The closest prior art is the combination of Hanke (US Pat. No. 5,112,884) and Dietz (US Pat. No. 3,975,203). The coating taught by Hanke and Dietz is used as a dental filling. They fail to teach or suggest an abrasion and corrosion resistant coating for application on a metal wherein said coating imparts corrosion resistance to the metal.

A preamble is not typically given patentable weight when in merely recites the intended use of a composition; however, the recitation, "and said coating imparting corrosion resistance to the metal," breathes life into the preamble. In the instant case, the preamble is necessary to give life, meaning and vitality to the claim.

Independent claims 21-25:

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Applicant has added new claim 21-25, putting previously indicated allowable subject matter into claims of independent form: claim 21 is a combination of previous claims 1 and 3; claim 22 is a combination of previous claims 1 and 5; claim 23 is a combination of previous claims 1 and 6; claim 24 is a combination of previous claims 12 and 14; and claim 25 is a combination of previous claims 12 and 17. These claims are allowable for the reasons set forth in section 10 of the previous Office action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J Feely whose telephone number is 571-272-1086. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

Michael J. Feely Patent Examiner

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